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Date.....

Dear Mr Platini,

The poisoning of stray animals in preparation for UEFA EURO 2012 in Ukraine.

I am writing to urge you to please use your influence with the authorities in Ukraine to stop its shameful treatment of stray animals immediately.

The host cities in Ukraine are using the EURO 2012 football championships as an excuse to exterminate stray animals by barbaric and illegal means.

Meat, laced with the poison, is thrown out onto streets in the early morning by government employees. In Donetsk, Kharkiv and Lviv the newspapers are full of incidents of dogs being shot as well as being poisoned.

In Kyiv, they are poisoning animals in the public parks and streets. Dog owners have witnessed their family pet dying in terrible agony having accidentally eaten the baited meat.

The authorities deny using poison as it is illegal according to Ukrainian law but Naturewatch has recently obtained an invoice showing the delivery of 1,500 kilos of poison ordered by the stray animal collection company in Kyiv.

Naturewatch has sent a comprehensive report to you and UEFA officials detailing the facts concerning the way in which the Ukrainian authorities are brutally dealing with stray animals.

I would respectfully ask you to do all in your power and influence to convey to the Ukrainian Government the abhorrence of its brutal and barbaric treatment of stray animals. Humane methods of stray population control are used successfully throughout Europe and should be adopted in Ukraine.

Yours sincerely,

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